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1. RSO TELEPHONICALLY DEBRIEFED PRINCIPAL OFFICER FUKUOKA ON 11/25/74. ATTACK ON CONSULATE BEGAN APPROXIMATELY 0950 HOURS ON 11/22 WHEN THREE YOUTHS WEARING RED HELMETS AND CARRYING STEEL PIPES AND MOLOTOV COCKTAILS STORMED CONSULATE COMPOUND. POLICE CAR WITH FOUR MEN WAS PARKED ACROSS FROM CONSULATE BUT ON OPPOSITE SIDE FROM WHERE ATTACKERS ENTERED. ONE OF ATTACKERS RAN TO FLAG POLE, LOWERED FLAG AND SET IT AFIRE. OTHER TWO ATTACKERS RAN INTO BUILDING AND PROCEEDED DIRECTLY TO PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S (PO'S) OFFICE. ONE ATTACKER ENTERED FIRST AND SAID IN ENGLISH QUOTE OUT, OUT UNQUOTE. THIS ATTACKER THEN ASSAULTED PO WITH STEEL PIPE. PO RAISED HIS ARM OVER HIS HEAD AND ALL BLOWS STRUCK HIS ARM. PO STARTED OUT SIDE DOOR OF HIS OFFICE SO THAT HE COULD WARN OTHER OCCUPANTS OF BUILDING OF ATTACK. AS HE WAS GOING OUT SECOND ATTACKER ENTERED AND STRUCK HIM A GLANCING BLOW ON THE

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BACK WITH STEEL PIPE.

2. PO HAD BUILDING OCCUPANTS EVACUATED TO YARD OF CONSULATE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO OFFICE BUILDING. HE RETURNED TO FRONT OF CONSULATE WHERE FOUR POLICEMEN WHO HAD BEEN ACROSS THE STREET HAD ARRESTED ATTACKER WHO HAD TAKEN DOWN FLAG. PO ASKED POLICE TO COME BACK INTO BUILDING WITH HIM. THEY DECLINED INDICATING THAT THEY WERE WAITING FOR REINFORCEMENTS. PO AND LOCAL EMPLOYEE REENTERED BUILDING AND WENT TO PO'S OFFICE. ATTACKERS HAD NOT YET BARRICADED THEMSELVES INTO OFFICE AND PO AND LOCAL TRIED TO ENTER. THEY WERE DRIVEN BACK BY CLUB SWINGING ATTACKERS. ATTACKERS LOCKED THEMSELVES INSIDE PO'S OFFICE AND PO COULD HEAR THEM BREAKING UP TYPEWRITER, TELEPHONES AND OFFICE FURNITURE. ATTACKERS ALSO THREW AT LEAST ONE MOLOTOV COCKTAIL INSIDE OFFICE. TWENTY MINUTES AFTER ATTACK BEGAN POLICE AND FIREMEN BROKE INTO PO'S OFFICE AND ARRESTED LAST TWO ATTACKERS.

3. ATTACKERS ARE BELIEVED TO BE MEMBERS OF MARXIST YOUTH LEAGUE, GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR LAST WEEK'S ATTACKS ON US AND SOVIET EMBASSIES, TOKYO.

4. FUKUOKA CONSULATE ATTACK SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN WELL PLANNED. SINCE ATTACKERS WENT DIRECTLY TO PO'S OFFICE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THEY HAD CHECKED OFFICE LAYOUT PRIOR TO ATTACK. ONLY SECURITY CONTROLS IN EFFECT WHICH COULD HAVE STOPPED THIS ATTACK WAS POLICE PRESENCE. ATTACKERS MODE OF ENTRY TOOK THIS INTO CONSIDERATION AND THEY GOT IN BEFORE POLICE KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING. CONSULATE'S INTERNAL CONTROL CONTROLS IN ABSENCE OF MARINE GUARDS COULD NOT HAVE STOPPED ATTACKERS.

5. RSO WILL VISIT FUKUOKA AND NAHA NEXT WEEK TO EXAMINE SECURITY POSTURE THESE POSTS. FOLLOWING WEEK WILL VISIT KOBE/OSAKA AND SAPPORO. PHYSICAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS HAD BEEN INSTITUTED IN TOKYO PRIOR TO ATTACK THERE. THEY INCLUDE PACKAGE AND ACCESS CONTROL IN BOTH CHANCERY AND ANNEX AND REARMING OF MARINE GUARDS. POST WILL BE SUBMITTING REQUEST TO DEPT. THIS WEEK FOR FUNDING OF SECURITY ITEMS. WILL PROVIDE ANY SIMILAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NECESSARY REQUESTS FOR OTHER INSTALLATIONS IN JAPAN AFTER RSO VISITS EACH LOCATION. USIS JAPAN BPAO'S MEETING IN TOKYO PRESENTLY AND RSO SCHEDULED FOR SESSION WITH THEM TO DISCUSS SECURITY AT AMERICAN CENTERS.

6. WHILE AT THIS POINT NO ONE HERE CAN PREDICT WHETHER OR NOT THERE WILL BE FURTHER ATTACKS AGAINST OUR

INTERESTS BY THIS GROUP OR OTHER COMPETING RADICAL GROUPS, RSO FEELS THAT THIS MUST BE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IN OVERALL SECURITY PLANNING FOR OUR INSTALLATIONS IN JAPAN. ADDITIONALLY, ELEVEN MEMBERS OF MARXIST YOUTH LEAGUE ARE PRESENTLY IN JAIL FOR ATTACKS ON US AND SOVIET EMBASSIES IN TOKYO AND US CONSULATE FUKUOKA. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE THAT MARXIST YOUTH LEAGUE MIGHT EMULATE OTHER WORLD TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE TAKEN HOSTAGES TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF JAILED COMRADES BUT SECURITY PLANNING WILL ALSO TAKE THIS INTO ACCOUNT. LASTLY, POST WILL MAKE APPROACHES TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND POLICE IN ATTEMPT TO ENSURE CONTINUING ADEQUATE POLICE PROTECTION AT OUR INSTALLATIONS

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